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MEMORANDUM FOR: ☐

SUBJECT: Weather Forecast for President's Trip
                          to South America

1.   You are undoubtedly aware that President Kennedy is
planning a short trip to South America in mid-December.   The tenta-
tive itinerary, still subject to change, is as follows:

Depart Washington 15 December for San Juan
Depart San Juan 16 December for Caracas, Venezuela
Depart Caracas 17 December for Bogota, Colombia
Depart Bogota 18 December for Palm Beach with a
    one hour fuel stop at Ramey Air Force Base

2.   The nature of the reception shown to the President in
Caracas and Bogota is a matter of paramount concern to this Agency
and to other agencies of the Government.   Unusual precautions are
being taken to insure a friendly reception and to, if necessary, counter
and control any unfriendly demonstrations.   It is recognized that
weather may play an important factor in the assembling of mobs, in
25X1   unfriendly demonstrations, etc.

3.   It is requested, therefore, that if you consider the idea
a reasonable one, the C/WH be furnished adequate weather information
for the period of the President's trip.

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4. From a strictly amateurish viewpoint, it would seem to me that such information might consist of the following:

     a. Long range, 5 day, weather forecasts for both capitals commencing 12 December 1961.

     b. Daily 24-hour forecasts for each capital commencing 14 December 1961.

5. If, by chance, the above is predicated on a misunderstanding on our part of your weather facilities, I would not be at all offended if you would frankly say so and we will scrap the idea. However, if it is practicable, I am sure that C/WH would appreciate very much having these forecasts available to him at 0830 each morning for consideration at his morning staff meetings.

6. This idea has been very briefly and informally discussed with[   ]f your Staff.

     (Signed) ARCHIBALD ROOSEVELT, JR.

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